



Approved: *Bridget Donnell Newton*  
Attest: *Sara Taylor-Ferrell*  
Approved Meeting No. 37-20;  
March 1, 2021

**Monday, November 16, 2020**  
**MAYOR AND COUNCIL**  
**MEETING NO. 37-20**  
**ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND**

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**THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND COUNCIL PRESIDING**

Attendee Name	Title	Status
Bridget Donnell Newton	Mayor	Present
Monique Ashton	Councilmember	Present
Beryl L. Feinberg	Councilmember	Present
David Myles	Councilmember	Present
Mark Pierzchala	Councilmember	Present

**1. Convene**

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The Mayor and Council convened in Open Session at 6:05 p.m. on Monday November 16, 2020 in a virtual meeting by WebEx.

Staff Present: City Manager Rob DiSpirito, Acting City Attorney Cynthia Walters, and City Clerk/Director of Council Operations Sara Taylor-Ferrell.

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

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Mayor Bridget Donnell Newton led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**3. Agenda Review**

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City Clerk/Director of Council Operations Sara Taylor-Ferrell reported no changes to the Agenda.

**4. City Manager's Report**

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City Manager Rob DiSpirito presented information on events and topics: Free packets of masks will be distributed to the public on November 18 from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. at the following locations – Twinbrook Community Recreation Center, Thomas Farm Community Center, Lincoln Park Community Center, and Croydon Creek Nature Center. Parts of the Civic Center and Croydon Creek Nature Center will be closed on November 21-29, December 19-27, and January 9-16 to allow for Deer Culling in the John Hayes Memorial forest, for more information please visit [Rockvillemd.gov/deer-culling](http://Rockvillemd.gov/deer-culling). Rockville will participate in the Great American Smokeout on November 19, for more information please visit [Rockvillemd.gov](http://Rockvillemd.gov) and search "Smokeout". The

Rockville Farmer's Market will hold three winter markets this year in the Montgomery County jury parking lot, Saturday, December 12, Saturday, January 8, and Saturday, February 20. A shout out to Croydon Creek Nature Center Supervisors Elissa Totin and Laura Fawks Lapole who have worked seven days a week since mid-March caring for the animals at the nature center, provide Covid compliant indoor and outdoor recreation, and conservation programming to our community. The Manna Food Center, the Rockville Farmer's Market and the senior center has provided locally grown fruits and vegetables to seniors.

## 5. COVID-19 Update

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Emergency Manager Dr. Mark Landahl provided an update of the COVID-19 pandemic impact on the City, County and State.

### FURTHER DISCUSSION

November 16, 2020 Agenda Item 5.

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## 6. Proclamation

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### A. Proclamation Declaring Lung Cancer Awareness Month in November 2020

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Councilmember Monique Ashton read and moved the Proclamation declaring November 2020 as Lung Cancer Awareness Month and presented it to Maggie Yang.

	<b>RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Monique Ashton, Councilmember
<b>SECONDER:</b>	David Myles, Councilmember
<b>IN FAVOR:</b>	Mayor Newton, Councilmember Ashton, Councilmember Feinberg, Councilmember Myles, Councilmember Pierzchala

## 7. Community Forum

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Name	Topic
<b>Speaker by Computer</b> Brian Shipley President West End Citizens Association (WECA)	Agenda Item No. 13

Name	Topic
<b>Speaker by Computer</b> Margaret Magner	Agenda Item No. 12 Agenda Item No. 13

## 8. Mayor and Council's Response to Community Forum

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The Mayor and Council thanked everyone for participating in community forum.

## 9. Consent

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### A. Approval of Minutes

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Councilmember Beryl L. Feinberg moved the Consent Agenda.

<b>MOVER:</b>	<b>RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Beryl L. Feinberg, Councilmember
<b>IN FAVOR:</b>	Monique Ashton, Councilmember
	Mayor Newton, Councilmember Ashton, Councilmember Feinberg,
	Councilmember Myles, Councilmember Pierzchala

## 10. Community Policing Advisory Board

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Chief of Police Victor Brito presented an overview of the Community Policing Advisory Board. The presentation included the discussions held with various neighborhood communities, local advocacy organizations, faith groups, non-profit organizations, and other various organizations.

Staff recommends the Mayor and Council consider approving the vision, purpose, and mission of the Community Police Advisory Board (CPAB) and instruct City staff to begin soliciting resumes from the community for the creation of the Board.

### FURTHER DISCUSSION

November 16, 2020 Agenda Item 10.

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## 11. Discussion, Instruction, Possible Introduction and Possible Adoption of an Ordinance to Adopt Zoning Text Amendment TXT2020-00257, to Amend Article 10 of the Zoning Ordinance to Establish a New Section Titled "Design Guidelines" to Implement the East

**Rockville Design Guidelines and Standards; Mayor and Council of Rockville, Applicants & Discussion, Instruction, and Possible Adoption of the East Rockville Design Guidelines and Standards**

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Chief of Long Range Planning, Andrea Gilles provided a brief overview from the public hearing the Zoning Text Amendment TXT2020-00257.

Staff recommends the Mayor and Council review and discuss testimony from the October 19, 2020 Public Hearing and instruct staff to make any desired revisions to Zoning Text Amendment TXT2020-00257 and the East Rockville Design Guidelines and Standards.

**FURTHER DISCUSSION**

November 16, 2020 Agenda Item 11.

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**THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL WENT INTO A BRIEF RECESS AT 8:51P.M. THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL WORKSESSION RECONVENED AT 8:59 P.M.**

- 12. Discussion and Instructions to Staff on Further Actions for Zoning Text Amendment Application TXT2019-00254 - to Revise the Height Standards, Maximum Footprint, and Rear Yard Coverage Requirements for Accessory Buildings and Structures in Residential Zones, Mayor and Council of Rockville, Applicants**
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Chief of Zoning Jim Wasilak and Deputy Zoning Manager Deane Mellander provided a brief overview of the proposed changes and request direction from the Mayor and Council.

The Mayor and Council requests a public hearing be held to gather more feedback from the community.

Councilmember Mark Pierzchala requested five to six zoom meetings be held to gather information from the collective communities throughout Rockville.

**FURTHER DISCUSSION**

November 16, 2020 Agenda Item 12.

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- 13. Discussion and Instructions to Staff on Further Actions on Zoning Text Amendment TXT2019-00255, to Allow for Accessory Dwelling Units in Accessory Buildings on Properties with Single Unit Detached Dwellings as a Conditional Use, and Allow for**

## **Accessory Apartments Within Single Unit Detached Dwellings as a Conditional Use, Mayor and Council of Rockville, Applicants**

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Deputy Zoning Manager Deane Mellander provided a brief overview of the proposed changes and requested direction from the Mayor and Council.

The Mayor and Council request a public hearing be held to gather more feedback from the community.

### **FURTHER DISCUSSION**

November 16, 2020 Agenda Item 13.

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## **14. Vacancy Report/Hiring Freeze Status**

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Director of Human Resources Karen Marshall provided a brief overview of the Vacancy Report.

## **15. Review and Comment - Mayor and Council Action Report**

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### **A. Action Report**

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Mayor and Council reviewed the Action Report.

## **16. Review and Comment - Future Agendas**

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### **A. Future Agendas**

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Mayor and Council reviewed Future Agendas.

## **17. Old/New Business**

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Councilmember David Myles requested a proclamation to support funding of Health Equity Resource Communities. The Mayor and Council asked Councilmember Myles to provide additional information.

## **18. Adjournment**

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There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:43 p.m.

**RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**

**MOVER:** Mark Pierzchala, Councilmember

**SECONDER:** Beryl L. Feinberg, Councilmember

**IN FAVOR:** Mayor Newton, Councilmember Ashton, Councilmember Feinberg,  
Councilmember Myles, Councilmember Pierzchala